

TOWN ELECTIONS
TUESDAY, JUNE 14TH, 2016
8:00AM - 8:00PM
APPLETON TOWN HALL

TOWN MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15TH, 2016
STARTING AT 7:00 P.M.
APPLETON VILLAGE SCHOOL

TOWN OF APPLETON, MAINE
POSTING WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

To: Raymond Gushee, a Resident of the Town of Appleton, County of Knox, State of Maine.

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Appleton, in said county, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on **Tuesday, the fourteen (14th) day of June, AD 2016 at 8 o'clock** in the forenoon, then and there to act on Articles 1 through 4.

And to notify and warn the said voters to meet at the Appleton Village School, in said town, on **Wednesday, the fifteenth (15th) day of June, AD 2016 at 7 o'clock** in the evening, then and there to act on Articles 4 through 33 said Articles being set out below, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

(Articles 2 through 4 will be voted on by **SECRET BALLOT**.)

ARTICLE 2. To elect all necessary Town Officials.

ARTICLE 3. Do you favor approving the Appleton Village School (AVS) budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest AVS unit budget meeting and that includes locally raised funds that exceed the required local contribution as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act?

A yes vote allows additional funds to be raised for K-8 public education; a no vote means additional funds cannot be raised for K-8 Education.

ARTICLE 4. Do you wish to continue the budget validation referendum process for the Appleton Village School for an additional three years?

Informational note

A "YES" vote will require the Appleton Village School to continue to conduct a referendum to validate its annual school budget for the next three years.

A "NO" vote will discontinue the budget validation referendum process for at least three years and provide instead that the annual school budget shall be finally adopted at a meeting of the voters.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature.
(Dollar amounts listed are estimated amounts to be received in FY 16/17.)

a. Maine State Revenue Sharing	\$66,250.00
b. Local Road Assistance	45,000.00
c. State Aid to Education	Unknown
d. Emergency Management Agency Funds	Unknown
e. Snowmobile Registration money	730.00
f. Tree Growth Reimbursement	7,000.00
g. General Assistance Reimbursement	Unknown
h. Veterans Exemption Reimbursement	1,200.00
i. Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	Unknown
j. All Other Funds	Unknown

Selectmen recommend approval.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to carry forward from FY 15/16 into FY 16/17 all unexpended balances in the following accounts:

Town Website
Professional Services
Planning Board
Wentworth Fund
Fire Department Donation Account
Emergency Management Agency
Roads Maintenance
Paving
Fire Department & Town Parking Lot
Town land Conservation Fund
Municipal Building Renovations

Selectmen recommend approval.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus the funds needed to fulfill the Town's obligation for FY 16/17 in the following accounts:

General Assistance
Unemployment
Maintain Old Landfill

Selectmen recommend approval.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to have anticipated revenues from the following sources placed into Surplus:

Est. for FY 16/17	
Excise Tax	\$200,000.00
Other Revenues*	18,000.00

*Building permits, clerk fees, and other fees. (Other fees not to include Insurance & Bonds and Workers Compensation refunds, animal control fines and FEMA reimbursement. These are to be credited to the appropriate accounts.)

Selectmen recommend approval.

ARTICLE 9. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from Surplus to cover overdrafts in the following account(s):

Sanitation – Tri County Solid Waste	\$1,971.00
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ARTICLE 10. To see what sum the Town will vote to pay the Selectmen for FY 16/17. Pay will be appropriated from the Town Officials budget line.

First Selectman	\$3,200.00
Second Selectman	3,200.00
Third Selectman	3,200.00
Fourth Selectman	3,200.00
Fifth Selectman	3,200.00
Chairman stipend	1,500.00

Selectmen Recommend approval.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to appoint and set compensation of all other necessary officials, or act thereon. Before filling any vacant non-payroll appointments, the positions must be made available to all members of the community by advertising and/or posting for at least two (2) weeks.

ARTICLE 12. To see what rate the Town will vote to pay for labor and equipment rental on its Roads and Bridges during FY 16/17.

Road Commissioner recommends state wages, bid or contract price, and 2015 equipment rental prices on its Roads and Bridges during FY 16/17.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all State Highway funds received from the Local Roads Assistance Program (L.R.A.P.) this fiscal year (estimated to be \$45,000) for the purpose of the *Bridge Repair/Replacement* annual installment on the 5-year loan with Camden National Bank.

ARTICLE 14. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT** for FY 16/17.

Town Officials	\$100,000.00
Contracted Assessing Services	11,250.00
Computer Expense	9,500.00
Building and Utilities	12,000.00
Municipal & Fire Dept. Electricity	5,000.00
Office Expense	7,500.00
Town Website	carry forward
Town Meeting and Voting	6,985.00
Professional Services	carry fwd & 10,000.00
Tax Maps	0
Insurance and Bonds	12,500.00
General Assistance	from surplus
FICA	7,600.00
Medicare	1,800.00

Unemployment	from surplus	
Workers Compensation	3,000.00	
Health Insurance	20,000.00	
Planning Board	carry forward	
Mid Coast Regional Planning	.00	
Total	\$207,135	

Selectmen recommend approval.
Budget Committee recommends Total.

ARTICLE 15. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **PROTECTION AND SAFETY** for FY 16/17.

Fire Dept. Labor & Training	\$19,400.00	
Fire Dept. Equipment & Operation	13,240.00	
Fire Dept. Building & Utilities	6,600.00	
Fire Dept. Donation Account	carry forward	
Fire Truck Reserve	35,500.00	
Ambulance	10,745.00	
Animal Control	7,200.00	
Street Lights	2,900.00	
Emergency Management Agency	carry fwd &	2,500.00
Communication Fee (911)	34,654.00	
Health Officer	200.00	
Total	\$132,939	

Selectmen recommend approval.
Budget Committee recommends Total.

ARTICLE 16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES** for FY 16/17.

Road Commissioner Salary	\$3,000.00	
Roads Maintenance	carry fwd &	\$5,000.00
Town Road Improvement	40,000.00	
Winter Road Maintenance	233,000.00	
Paving	carry fwd &	50,000.00
Bridge Repair/Loan Payment	LRAP &	3,400.00
Total	\$414,400.00	

Selectmen recommend approval.
Budget Committee recommends Total.

ARTICLE 17. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **SANITATION** for FY 16/17.

T.C.S.W.M.O.	\$31,295.00	
Maintain Old Landfill	from surplus	
Septage Disposal	2,300.00	
Total	\$33,595.00	

Selectmen recommend approval.
Budget Committee recommends Total.

ARTICLE 18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **COMMUNITY** for FY 16/17.

Mildred Stevens Williams Library	\$10,000.00	
Old Cemeteries	12,700.00	
Appleton Memorial Association	.00	
Town Park	.00	
Town Land Conservation	carry forward	
Total	\$22,700.00	

Selectmen recommend approval.
Budget Committee recommends Total.

ARTICLE 19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **PROVIDER AGENCIES** for FY 16/17.

a. Spectrum Generations	756.00	
b. Broadreach	200.00	
c. New Hope for Women	830.00	
d. Coastal Transportation	0.00	
e. Teen Center	84.00	
f. American Red Cross	1,750.00	
g. Come Spring Food Pantry	350.00	
h. Penquis	565.00	
i. Midcoast Maine Community Action	800.00	
j. Maine Public Broadcasting Network	250.00	
k. LifeFlight Foundation	658.00	
l. MidCoast Economic Dev. District	1,650.00	
m. No Greater Love Food Pantry	150.00	
Total	\$8,043.00	

Selectmen and Budget Committee make no recommendation.

ARTICLE 20. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS** for FY 16/17.

Municipal Buildings Renovations	carry fwd &	\$2,000.00
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Municipal Reserve	.00	
Capital Improvements	\$10,000.00	
Fire Dept. & Town Office Parking Lot	carry forward	
Total	\$12,000.00	

Selectmen recommend approval.
Budget Committee recommends Total.

ARTICLE 21. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from Surplus to reduce the property tax assessment.

Recommendation to be made at Town meeting.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount of 2% on all taxes paid in full prior to or within one month after the commitment of the list to the Tax Collector, except Excise Taxes, and to authorize the Selectmen to take the necessary sum from Surplus for this purpose.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote that taxes shall be due and payable when billed, and that interest at the rate of 7% per annum* be charged on all taxes remaining unpaid after the last day of November, 2016.

*maximum allowed by law.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to procure a temporary loan(s) in anticipation of taxes, for payment of obligations of the Town; such loan(s) to be paid during the current fiscal year by taxation, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to take from Surplus the necessary amount of money to cover the interest on loans they have been authorized to procure in anticipation of taxes, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to enter into a three-year contract with the Humane Society of Knox County for the purpose of an Animal Care Facility Agreement to coincide with the three-year Animal Control Interlocal Agreement between the towns of Appleton and Union.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 9.1, Duration, of the Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization Interlocal Cooperative Agreement by extending the 25-year term of the original Agreement, which would cause the Agreement to expire on October 17, 2016, for an additional and continuous 18-year term expiring on October 17, 2034 and to provide that all provisions of the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement, as amended, remain in full force and effect.

This Article must be voted on as written with no amendments.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to issue a Municipal Quit Claim Deed to Melinda Thomas, heir of Wayne Butler who was heir of S. J. Gushee, (former owner of what is now described as Map 004 Lot 017), to convey the tax acquired property owned by the Town by virtue of the tax lien recorded in the Knox County Registry of Deeds in Book 4824, page 325.

The conditions for conveying the property are that all unpaid taxes currently assessed are paid in full. Said taxpayer must pay all unpaid taxes, including interest, costs and attorney fees in full within 30 days of the date of this town meeting. Failure to comply will revoke the privilege.

ARTICLE 29. "Shall an ordinance entitled 'Floodplain Management Ordinance' be enacted effective 7/6/2016?"

Note: Proposed ordinance is a part of and posted with this warrant and is also available for viewing at the Town Office and on the Town Website.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to amend Appleton's Site Plan Review Ordinance with revisions proposed by the Appleton Planning Board. The revision does not alter the language of the ordinance, but re-orders existing sections as written for grater clarity.

Note: Proposed ordinance is a part of and posted with this warrant and is also available for viewing at the Town Office and on the Town Website.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the new title of "Select Board Member" to replace the title "Selectman" and to adopt the new title "Select Board" to replace the title "Board of Selectmen."

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sign a Boundary Line Agreement and Release Deed between The Town of Appleton and Viking, Inc. establishing a common boundary for Pine Grove Cemetery.

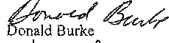
Note: Proposed Boundary Line Agreement and Release Deed between the Town of Appleton and Viking, Inc. establishing a common boundary for Pine Grove Cemetery is a part of and posted with this warrant and is

also available for viewing at the Town Office and on the Town Website.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$658,506.00 established for Appleton by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

Given under our hands at Appleton, Maine this 16 th day of May, AD 2016.

Selectmen of Appleton:


Donald Burke


Marlene Libby


Scott Wiley